IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE, ANDHRA PRADESH
AT HYDERABAD

(Special Original Jurisdiction)

WEDNESDAY, THE SECOND DAY OF NOVEMBER
TWO THOUSAND AND FIVE

PRESENT

THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE V.ESWARAIAH

WRIT PETITION No. 23503 of 2005

Between:

B. Vijaya Krishna and another

..... PETITIONERS

AND

The Central Power Distribution Co. Ltd.,

(CPDCL), rep by Divisional Engineer (OP) Balapur,

Saroornagar (M), Ranga Reddy District and another

.....RESPONDENTS

ORDER:

Seeking a Mandamus, declaring the action of the respondents in not providing the Electricity Service connections to the petitioners, as illegal and arbitrary, the present writ petition is filed.

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioners and the learned standing counsel appearing for the respondents.

It is stated that the petitioners are the owners of the premises bearing plot Nos.76 and 105 respectively, situated at Vijayadurga Nagar colony, besides Sai Nagar, Balapur, Saroornagar Mandal, Rangareddy District. They have submitted applications to the respondents on 25.07.2004 for issuance of electricity service connection by paying requisite amount of Rs.1,125/- each. As there is no response from the respondents, the petitioners have also made a representation on 08.09.2004, but so far no action has been taken by the respondents.

It is the statutory duty of the respondents to provide electricity service connection to the needy people under Section 43 of the Electricity Act, 2003. Without performing their statutory duties, the respondents have kept pending the applications of the petitioners.

Having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case, I deem it appropriate to dispose of the writ petition, with a direction to the

2nd respondent to consider the applications and representation of the petitioners dated 25.07.2004 and 08.09.2004 in respect of issuance of electricity service connections, and dispose of the same, in accordance with law, within a period of two weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

With the above observations, the Writ Petition is disposed of. No order as to costs.

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V.ESWARAIAH,J

Dated: 02.11.2005

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